

S. 942
[Ribicoff]
President's
Reorganization
Plan # 2

Purpose: To transfer and reorganize all existing future law enforcement functions relating to trafficking of narcotics and dangerous drugs and establish a division of narcotics and dangerous drugs within the FBI.

Comment:

Senator Ribicoff, in introducing his bill, pointed out instances of serious lack of coordination among the existing law enforcement agencies. This lack of coordination seriously affected the Government's law enforcement programs directed against narcotics and dangerous drugs. S. 942 recommends focalizing of law enforcement activities within a division of the FBI.

Recognizing this lack of coordination, the President under Reorganization Plan #2 of 1973, submitted to the Congress on March 28 a plan to establish a Drug Enforcement Administration to carry out all anti-drug law enforcement functions.

Position:

Chairman Ervin, by letter to the Director dated March 5, requested Agency comments on S. 942. The proposed Agency reply was coordinated with DDO, DDI, and DDM&S.

The reply noted that neither S. 942 or the President's Reorganization Plan #2 of 1973 were considered to materially affect the responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence related to the trafficking of narcotics and dangerous drugs. An interim was sent to Chairman Ervin on 4 May and the proposed reply was sent to OMB on the same date for clearance.

Status:

S. 942 was referred to the Committee on Operations on February 21 and hearings were held.

The President's Reorganization Plan #2 of 1973 went into effect on 28 June when Congress failed to take any action during the time provided by law.